IN THE CLAIMS:

No claims are amended herein.   The pending claims are as follows:

1.   (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for ranking information, comprising:

        receiving a plurality of query results of a plurality of search queries;

        merging the plurality of query results into a merged query result, the merged query result being associated with the plurality of search queries;

        determining a first ranking sequence of the merged query result

        presenting the merged query result to a user according to the first ranking sequence;

        identifying an input signal from the user indicating an interest in a first piece of information in the merged query result;

        identifying a search query from the plurality of search queries associated with the merged query result, the identified search query being associated with a query result including the first piece of information, the query result from among the plurality of query results;

        adjusting a query factor associated with the identified search query responsive to the input signal;

        locating a second piece of information in the query result associated with the identified search query;

        determining a score for the second piece of information based at least in part on the query factor associated with the identified search query;

        determining a second ranking sequence of the merged query result based at least in part on the score; and

        presenting the merged query result to the user according to the second ranking sequence.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the input signal indicates a selection of the first piece of information.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the input signal comprises lack of selection of the first piece of information for at least a specified amount of time from when the first piece of information is displayed to the user.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the input signal comprises user activity associated with the first piece of information.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the user activity comprises one or more of viewing duration, scrolling, mouse movement, selection of links from the first piece of information, saving, printing, and bookmarking.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the input signal further comprises user activity associated with articles linked from the first piece of information.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
        identifying parts of text typed by the user, the parts including at least two of the
            following: nouns, verbs, and proper nouns; and
        generating the plurality of search queries based on the identified parts.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the input signal comprises a user rating.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein one of the plurality of search queries comprises one of query type, query term, application, type of application, article type, and event type.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the query type comprises one of current sentence, current paragraph, text near the cursor, extracted terms, and identified entries.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the score comprises a relevance score.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the score comprises a popularity score.

13.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising increasing a refresh rate of a display of the merged query result to the user responsive to receiving input signals at an increasing frequency.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the input signal is a first input signal and the interest is a first interest, further comprising:

>   receiving a second input signal indicating a second interest in a third piece of information; and
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>   varying a refresh rate of a display of the merged query result to the user based at least in part on the duration between receiving the first input signal and the second input signal.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the input signal comprises multiple input signals.

16.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

>   generating the plurality of search queries based on a plurality of data streams; and
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>   executing the plurality of search queries for the plurality of search results.

17.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the plurality of data streams comprise a data stream describing current contextual state of a user.

18.   (Previously Presented) A computer program product having a computer-readable storage medium having executable computer program instructions tangibly embodied thereon for ranking information, the executable computer program instructions comprising instructions for:

>   receiving a plurality of query results of a plurality of search queries;
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>   merging the plurality of query results into a merged query result, the merged query result being associated with the plurality of search queries;
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>   determining a first ranking sequence of the merged query result presenting the merged query result to a user according to the first ranking sequence;

identifying an input signal from the user indicating an interest in a first piece of
information in the merged query result;

identifying a search query from the plurality of search queries associated with the
merged query result, the identified search query being associated with a
query result including the first piece of information, the query result from
among the plurality of query results;

adjusting a query factor associated with the identified search query responsive to
the input signal;

locating a second piece of information in the query result associated with the
identified search query;

determining a score for the second piece of information based at least in part on
the query factor associated with the identified search query;

determining a second ranking sequence of the merged query result based at least
in part on the score; and

presenting the merged query result to the user according to the second ranking
sequence.

19.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 18, the executable
computer program instructions further comprising instructions for increasing a refresh rate of
a display of the merged query result to the user responsive to receiving input signals at an
increasing frequency.

20.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein the input
signal is a first input signal and the interest is a first interest, the executable computer
program instructions further comprising instructions for:

receiving a second input signal indicating a second interest in a third piece of
information; and

varying a refresh rate of a display of the merged query result to the user based at
least in part on the duration between receiving the first input signal and the
second input signal.

21.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 18, the executable
computer program instructions further comprising instructions for:

        generating the plurality of search queries based on a plurality of data streams; and

        executing the plurality of search queries for the plurality of search results.

22.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the second
ranking sequence comprises:

        determining the second ranking sequence of at least some of the merged query
            result based at least in part on the score, the at least some of the merged
            query result associated with at least two search queries.

23.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

        generating the plurality of search queries; and

        adding information from results of the plurality of search queries into the merged
            query result.

24.   (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 18, the executable
computer program instructions further comprising instructions for:

        generating the plurality of search queries associated with the merged query result;
            and

        adding information from results of the plurality of search queries into the merged
            query result.

25.   (Previously Presented) A query system for ranking information, comprising:

        a computer processor for executing computer program instructions;

        a computer-readable storage medium having executable computer program
            instructions tangibly embodied thereon, the executable computer program
            instructions comprising instructions for:

      a module configured to receive a plurality of query results of a plurality of
          search queries;

a module configured to merge the plurality of query results into a merged query result, the merged query result being associated with the plurality of search queries;

a module configured to determine a first ranking sequence of the merged query result;

a module configured to present the merged query result to a user according to the first ranking sequence;

a module configured to identify an input signal from the user indicating an interest in a first piece of information in the merged query result;

a module configured to identify a search query from the plurality of search queries associated with the merged query result, the identified search query being associated with a query result including the first piece of information, the query result from among the plurality of query results;

a module configured to adjust a query factor associated with the identified search query responsive to the input signal;

a module configured to locate a second piece of information in the query result associated with the identified search query;

a module configured to determine a score for the second piece of information based at least in part on the query factor associated with the identified search query;

a module configured to determine a second ranking sequence of the merged query result based at least in part on the score; and

a module configured to present the merged query result to the user according to the second ranking sequence.

26.   (Previously Presented) The query system of claim 25, further comprising:

a module configured to receive a user input; and

a module configured to generate the plurality of search queries based on the user input.

27.   (Previously Presented) The query system of claim 25, further comprising a module configured to increase a refresh rate of a display of the merged query result to the user responsive to receiving input signals at an increasing frequency.

28.   (Previously Presented) The query system of claim 25, further comprising:

      a module configured to receive a second input signal indicating a second interest in a third piece of information; and

      a module configured to vary a refresh rate of a display of the merged query result to the user based at least in part on the duration between receiving the first input signal and the second input signal.